Secretary of State has been in office five

years, having been appointed by my pred-

ecessor, Gov. Murphy. His managemen

The force under him have always per-

formed their duties with promptness and

efficiency, and in all of the bitterness of

knowledge, lodged against the perform

"Last week a signed protest was filed

reappointment. This protest came from

an official source that entitled it to fair

stances, practically eliminated from con-

accused, so that he could have retired vol-untarily. As the situation now exists the appointing power has had trhust upon it the decision of a matter not official, but personal, with only a few days time to act both as judge and jury upon a man's char-

for the Secretary of State's resignation and not waited for the hour of reappoint-

ment.
"The present Secretary of State, over his

own signature, has most emphatically

a fellow man."

Assistant Secretary of State J. B. R.

JERSEY CITY IN DICKINSON CASE.

Gas From Leak in Hose Kills Portrait Painter - Accident, Says Coroner.

Mrs. F. G. Rigby, a portrait painter, was

East Sixteenth street yesterday. Gas was

flowing from a tube connecting a small

heater with a chandelier, the tube being so

old that it had cracked on a kink. There

old that it had cracked on a kink. There was not much gas in the room when the body was found at noon, but Coroner Harburger and Dr. O'Hanlon, his physician, decided it had caused Mrs. Rigby's death

and that it was an accident. She was 55

a well known lyceum lecturer, died at sea on February 8. A large number of letters referring to portraits which she had painted,

some of them from women of social promi-nence, were found in the rooms. One was from Mrs. L. A. Boldt referring to some sit-

QUESTIONS ABOUT NIPISSING.

Canadians to Demand Information at

OTTAWA, March 30 .- A. Oreland Reeve

of Coleman township and ex-Mayor Morris.

POLITICIANS MUST PAY.

Verdict Against Seven Men Who Expelled

a Republican County Chairman.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 30 .- A jury in

Paris to-day gave Judge McClintock a ver-

dict of \$1,500 damages against each of the

seven members of the Bourbon county

Republican committee for charging that

he had been disloyal to his party and for

expelling him from the party management. The trial has been on during the entire

week.

McClintock, who was chairman of the committee, sued the seven committeemen for \$25,000 each. He was charged with having worked for the election of Democrats. Ten of the jurors were Democrats.

Herman Von Claff Arraigned.

Herman Von Claff, who is charged with

having embezzled \$4,000 from a Brooklyn

dry goods firm in 1904 while employed as an

auditor by the firm, and who was brought

Dying as Fortune Comes to Him.

Levi W. Moen, who says he is a son of

Philip Moen, a barbed wire manufacturer of

Worcester, Mass., who died in Boston fifteen

Brooklyn in May, 1904. Portland six weeks ago.

Augusta Meeting To-morrow

tings for her portrait. Others were Congressmen and public officials to

Rigby.

The body was sent to the Morgue.

Rigby's husband, Burnham Rigby,

It is expected that 300 Republicans will

would resign.

from criticism.

of the office has been most excellent.

EASTER FLOWER FASHIONS.

AZALEAS THAT RUN IN PRICE AS HIGH AS \$300.

New Ways of Preparing the Floral Gifts Ripbons No Longer Used -Of Cut Flowers Gardenias Are Smartest-Orchids That Cost From St to S10 a Spray.

This year more than ever the attempt of every florist is to have the exclusive possession of something. They all like o be able to tell their customers that this specialty cannot be bought of any other dealer in New York.

One shop is offering pale pink rhododendrous mounted in imitation porcelain with medallions of the same shade of pink. Another has all its flower pots made of oussy willow-or rather covered with pussy willow and this effect is springlike and charming. Another has tall cages made of pussy willow and in them are small bunnies, while long stemmed roses are tied at the top and fall the length of the cage.

ared straw made to look like paper much used this season and its hue always matches the prevailing tint of the flower. Baskets are nearly always covered now with the chief tint of the contents, and the pussy willow specialist has them made of that wood in all sizes.

A hard metallic blue hydrangea has a porcelain pot of the same tint to hold it and the imitation antique pots and jardipières are as popular as ever. Some this year are made in a slate colored bluish concrete which has not the mellowness of the yellow shaded pieces. One florist has gone further than any of his associates in putting on the market as an Easter novelty whole miniature conservatory. A small glass house in imitation of a conservatory is filled with the diminutive Japanese plants growing in tiny pots of Japanese porcelain. This green house rests on a tin about two feet square which is arranged with walks and grass. These novelties cost as much

One noticeable feature of the plants this year is the absence of ribbon in the best shops. Two years ago every plant that came out of a Fifth avenue florist's was so swathed in satin ribbons that it was diffi-cult to see the blossoms; but that stage of decoration is passed and ribbons are rarely visible even on the lilies. The Bermuda lilies hold their own and

The Bermuda lilies hold their own and range in price from twenty to thirty-five cents, depending less on their quality than on the neighborhood in which they are bought. The old fashioned single lily in a pot is, of course, out of the running nowadays and the usual pots hold three or four plants at least, while some have twenty in them. Lilies last better than almost any other flower and they continue to bloom any other flower and they continue to bloom for several days. One exclusive fashion of a few seasons ago has continued as a standard and that is the planting of the lilies in white tubs with gilded bands about

Hyacinths in the round pots that contain rom six to twenty are always a popular caster flower and are not excessively high. They may be had at a quarter a blossom. The tulips rarely last more than twenty-our hours, cost the same and are not as lecorative. Lilies of the valley are anther flower that stands the house poorly

The old round topped azalea seems to have passed out of fashion altogether. It used to be the ambition of the growers to make them as great as possible in diameter and the most expensive looked like the top a dining room table. Now the attempt of a dining room table. Now the attempt is to make them cone shaped, terminating in a point of flowers at the top. The magenta ones are more popular this year than any others and they have been brought to the greatest perfection in this form. Even the blooms are a little changed by this process and are more cup shaped than flat. The florists turn these plants on their sides in their windows to show how wide in diameter they are. The white and pink azaleas are still popular, although they fall behind the magenta in demand. The broad stretching marguerites are

orative and not expensive, and the rained on standards six feet high, are a xture now among the Easter ne florist has the sole control yellow ramblers this year, and they are beautiful variation from the customary red. Lilacs and white camelias which have beautiful glossy green leaves are among the more expensive plants and are not durable. The camelias in particular whether they be the white or red are very fragile and it is not uncommon for every one of the buds to drop off within a day. Gardenia plants are more hardy in the house, although one gets from them rarely more than the blooms that are on them hen they come from the florist.

Pansies and violets in pots are new in the single plant class. Tall English haw-thorne trees when in full bloom are in demand this year, but if there are few of soms the effect is too sombre the pink blossoms the effect is too sombre. A lilylike plant with long, narrow dark leaves and a group of salmon colored blooms is the *Iman tophilium*, which is new this Easter as a florist's plant. So are the fuchsias in pots and the round tubs of single, wild hyacinth, which looks like a bluebell.

most expensive plant last Easter was an azalea, which last Easter was an azalea, which so. It was bought by a New Yorker This filorist had nothing so that most expensive plant on Fifth for his wife. This filorist had nothing so costly this year, but did have one that soared up to \$300. He thought that about he most expensive flower on the avenue here were lots of azaleas, however, tha sold at prices ranging from \$75 to \$100, and plenty of buyers for them. Of cut flowers American Beauties sell at

\$1.50 a piece for the best. Gardenias—smartest of all flowers—are selling at \$1.50 piece, and the best carnations are from o \$4 a dozen. Lilies of the valley and odils are from 70 cents to \$1 a dozen. rchids range from the beautiful mauve \$1 a piece to as much as \$10 a spray for the more exotic varieties

The lily crop in Bermuda was a failure this spring and the Quebec Line steamship Beridian, in yesterday, two days belated by a cyclone that prevented her from leaving harbor, brought only 250 boxes of flowers. She generally lands 1,000 boxes. The scarcity sent the price up. Most of the Bermudian's 270 cabin passengers brought with them semi-tropical plants and flowers

RURIED DOG NO NUISANCE.

Neighboring Plot Owner's Objection to Billy Hansbrough's Grave Overruled.

OUISVILLE, Ky., March 30.-Chancellor Miller disposed this morning of the nuisance suit filed by Henry Hertle against Alice Riddell for the burial of her dog Billy Bansbrough in Cave Hill Cemetery. dog's grave will not be disturbed. The opinion savs

The injury done here is to the living plaintiff, who expects to be buried in his ot at some future time. It consists in his distress of mind in contemplating his daugher's present burial and his own prospective ent in a lot adjoining that in which buried without gravestone or identify him. If this be an to person or property it is too in-e of being measured to invoke action court. If the claim of right here be permitted to control, it would burial of any one, a murdere de, for instance, whose grave might be objectionable to neighboring lot owners. That matter is in the control of the cemetery

unburied dog, either alive or dead or a nuisance per se, but a dead dog, miried, as in this case, is not a nuisance and cannot become one

To Dedicate Window in Brooklyn Church. At the Easter services this morning in the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church in a window presented to the church Josie B. MacMahon, one of the members of the church, in memory on, will be dedicated. The subject "The Ascension" and the central figure

PISTOLS WAKE UP THE FLATS.

Meehan Was Shooting From a Top Windo at the Blameless Hudson Tenants of the Cromwell apartment house,

at 611 West 137th street were scared about 10:30 o'clock last night when they heard pistol shots somewhere on the top floor. At the first shot or two, windows flew open and heads bobbed out. Then there were more bangings of the revolver, a man's yells and screams from a woman on the top floor. In a minute or two there were more half clad people shivering in the street in front of the Cromwell than there were left in the house.

Mrs. Dunk, who was airing a pair of French poodle dogs in front of her house at 622 West 137th street, pretty nearly across the street, saw the flashes from a top floor window and heard the shots. She went to a telephone and let Police Headquarters know about it. Then Mrs. Fether came down in the elevator of the Cromwell screaming and got to another telephone. In a few minutes fourteen phone calls for help went into Police Headquarters. Not only the tenants of the Cromwell but people in houses all along the block were scared and out of bed.

Policeman Brennan ran into the apartment house and was directed to the apartment of John G. Meehan on the top floor.
Mr. Meehan is a broker at 42 Broadway ment of John G. Meehan on the top floor.

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Last night, according to Mrs. Fethers, who is his housekeeper, he came home feeling fine, got out a couple of revolvers, leaned out of the window and sent seven bullets toward the Hudson River, amusing himself as he fired them by yelling. He is in J. Hood Wright Hospital now.

T. N. E. CHAPTERS TO BE WELDED. Representatives Elect Officers and Hold Feast at Hotel Astor.

Twenty-five members of Theta Nu Epsilon, sophomore secret society, went into executive session at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the Hotel Astor to see if they could achieve a fraternization of all their scattered chapters and thus put more steam into the lofty purpose of the fraternity, which, as every college man knows, is to promote the cause of temperance and to devise proper discipline for the freshmen.

The following officers were elected in the morning session to govern the society: H. M. Conolly, New York University, 1904, president; Harry M. Ansback, N. Y. U., 1906, secretary; M. F. Casey, Rochester, 1896, treasurer, and Clarence Hancock, Wesleyan, 1906, historian. Throughout the day delegates worked upon plans of welding their eighty odd chapters into one organization. The work put the brothers in excellent condition for the avening is beneuet. dition for the evening's banquet. The de-liberations of the banquet table and the plans for a more strenuous crusade against intemperance will never be known. Lay-men were barred, but every so often out through the transoms of the dining room floated voices chanting the songs of T. N. E.

HOUSE HE BUILDED FALLS.

Carpenter Worked a Year on It, but It Collapsed Right After He Finished It.

PATERSON, N. J., March 30.-H. W. Meyers, a carpenter, has spent nearly a year of his leisure time building a home for himself at Hawthorne, a suburb of this city. It is a two story and attic building and it was completed two days ago. This morning after Meyers had left to go to work the building collapsed and in an instant the work that it had taken a

year to complete was a heap of ruins. Mrs. Mary Walls, who has been housekeeper for Meyers since the death of his wife a few weeks ago, had a narrow escape from death. She was at work in the kitchen when she felt the building sagging and heard the timbers splinter and crash. As she ran toward the door she was struck by the falling plaster and some of the

timbers. She was severely bruised.

The ruins caught fire and not even the lumber with which the house was built was left to Meyers. When the building came down there was a roar and a crash that startled all in the village and for a time some believed that an earthquake had

MISSING MAN FOUND DEAD.

Disappeared From Salamanes on Jan. -Watch and Money Gone.

OLEAN, N. Y., March 30 .- The mystery concerning the disappearance of Henry Smith of the village of Salamanca, who disappeared after starting for Olean on January 8, was cleared up to some extent to-day, and at the same time deepened. when his son-in-law, H. Wilson, identified the remains of a man found in an old house opposite the Carpenter farm on the Eldred. Pa., road as those of the missing man. The body is in a badly decomposed state, and the watch and \$50 which Mr. Smith took away with him are missing. His pension voucher and his false teeth were found outside the place, and there was every evidence of a struggle, as the buttons were torn from his coat and laid on the floor near the body and near the door. How the man got to Eldred, seven miles from any place he ever visited, is a mystery. His Masonic pin and a knife were left in his pockets.

FIRE IN BOURNE PRESERVES.

in Automobile Dashes About Direct Fight on Flames.

SATVILLE, L. I., March 30 .- Frederick G. Bourne, the former commodore of the New York Yacht Club, had an exciting time using his auto to-day to get about over pathless stubble fields and blind roads on his Long Island wooded estate to direct his army of employees in fighting a forest fire. The blaze threatened the picturesque lands surrrounding his country seat at Oakdale, L. I. Headwork saved most of

his trees and game preserves.

Those of his neighbor, A. A. Frasier, vere completely burned.

License Fight in Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., March 30 .- The supporters of no license in the town of Oyster Bay have hired an opera house for next Monday night and propose to hold a big mass meeting. Four women musicians will play for the crowd between the speeches. It is expected that at the election next Tuesday there will be the hottest kind of a fight between the opponents of the liquor business and those who want a wet town.

Said He Was Robbed; Accounts \$18,000 Short.

ALTOONA. Pa., March 30.-George E. Giffin, manager of the Enterprise Construction Company, announced several days ago that he had been held up and robbed of \$1,700. Suspicion was aroused and on an investigation of his accounts he was found to be \$18,000 short. He was arrested this morning for embezzlement and com-mitted to jail.

Ambassador Bryce to Visit Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 30 .- James Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce will arrive in Chicago on next Friday from Toronto, Canada, where they are now staying with the Governor-General of Canada. On Saturday night Mr. Bryce will speak at the Commercial Club banquet at the Auditorium.

Burled by Trench Cavein.

Anton Ditmar of Seacaucus was buried for three or four minutes yesterday by the cavein of a trench at Booraem avenue and Linau place. Jersey City, in which he was working. Fellow workmen saw him disappear under the Jersey clay and dug him out. He was badly scared but not hurt. He quit for the day and went home.

AMATEURS SCRUBTHENEWARK

FEW MORE SATURDAYS WILL GET THE CRUISER CLEAN.

Now the Battalion Would Like to Ge Recruits-Cruises Will Begin About June 1, but There Is Plenty of Attractive Barefoot Work Ahead of That

Although we have to work like the mischief, Four our togs we want to keep, you know,

their Easter skirts as they would if they went

blame the boys, who did as well as they could under the circumstances.

Before two bells they had entirely changed their appearance. One by one there emerged from the forecastle smiling young men attired in white canvas with the wide bottoms of their trousers turned up to the knee, while

with fresh water. After that many bucket-fuls of sand were scattered about the decks and with salt water and brushes and mops

and with sait water and brushes and mops the men fell to.

It was great fun at first—every one try-ing to show how little he really minded getting dirty and wet and every now and then when some fellow wno was not used to handling a nozzle let it slip and a few gallons of water spilled over the others the higgest laws some from the men who

to keep her clean," said the boy at the gangway, "but we will do our best." Then he took out his watch and began to watch

the second hand.

strokes and came back to the gangway on the run.

"Quite a job this—tending gangway and ringing that bell every half hour," he said, but he said it like a sailor, and when the man who had just come aboard asked for the commander the young fellow at the gangway saluted and said "Yes, sir," as though he had been doing it all his life.

The commander, Mr. Franklin, and the lieutenant-Commander, Mr. Craven, had forgotten to bring along their uniforms, but

forgotten to bring along their uniforms, but there were Lieutenants and junior Lieutenants and ensigns a-plenty in uniform, so

The men are looking forward to the time when the Newark will get up steam. And it won't be long. In two months now those who can get away will get their first cruise. This time it won't be like going off on a ship that already has on board a full complement of men. The militiamen will be awan in the engine complement of men. The militiamen will do most of the work, even in the engine rooms and down where the coal is shovelled

EXCLUDED FROM THE MAILS.

plainants against the Mount Side Cattery and Wakefield. Post replied to an ad-vertisement in which the cattery offered

Mr. Hodges sent for a Japanese spaniel. The breed of the dog, its general appearance and characteristics are not described in Mr. Hodges's complaint. He represents, however, that it was not a Japanese

Persons in Waterville who knew all about the Mount Side Cattery were interviewed by the inspectors who investigated the case, and what they said about the cattery and Wakefield was decidedly uncomplimentary. They intimated that every time the cattery received an order the household pet of some prominent resident of the town disappeared 'twixt darkness and daylight. and daylight.

Revolution in Venezuela Quelled.

Franchise Grant Held Up.

Supreme Court Justice Crane in Brooklyn has reserved decision on a motion for an injunction restraining the Highway Commissioners of Brookhaven and Patchogue from carrying into effect two franchises granted by the towns referred to to the Suffolk County Traction Company to construct and operate a trolley road between Babylon, Brookhaven and Patchogue. The motion was made on behalf of Margaret Gerity of Patchogue and William P. Youngs of Brookhaven, who say that the railroad of Brookhaven, who say that the railroad company does not intend to operate the road. Thomas L. Hughes, the president of the Suffolk County Traction Company, sets forth that the petitioners are anxious to have the franchises conferred on the defunct Cross Island Railroad Company over the same route.

GOV. STOKES STATES CASE. Says He Will Reappoint Dickinson,

Cleared, for Complete Vindleation. TRENTON, March 30.-Gov. Stokes to-day made a statement about the charges made by Mayor Fagan against Secretary of State

muel D. Dickinson. In part the Governor "So many rumors are current with referance to the appointment of the Secretary of State that I welcome the opportunity to give the facts to the public. The present

On a spotless ship we'd like to dwell.

As white as those worn by Miss Whatshername The boys of the First Battalion of Naval Militia got down to work on their new cruiser the Newark yesterday afternoon and before six bells had her looking so very different that the real sailors aboard had to admit that they had done well for amateurs. But they had to work. Street Cleaning missioner Craven is executive officer of the battalion, and he was there to make a record. The Newark was dirty-very dirty -and if visitors to-day feel like holding up

About 100 of the 350 men of the battalion showed up on the Newark shortly after noon. A fine looking lot they were in patent leather boots and good clothes. Most of them had red ink on their fingers and carried little bundles under their arms.

aboard one of the scows alongside of Char-

ley Murphy's pier, next door, they must not

bare feet only were worn.

It wasn't quite a summer day, but they pretended not to mind. It may be true, as one of the real sailors remarked, that if a man-o'-warsman had been cleaning down ship yesterday he would have donned rubber boots. But these chaps romped about the wet decks as unconscious of the inconvenience and cold water as a woman with good shoulders in a low cut gown is of a snowy

There were a lot of new mops on board and plenty of squilgees and the pier was pretty nearly full of sand. So they started in to work. Some were told off to do the scrubbing down with sand and brushes and water while others cleaned bright scrubbing down with sand and brushes and water, while others cleaned bright work or oiled up the neglected one pounders, three pounders, five pounders and the big six inch fellows of the main battery.

A couple of lines of hose were coupled up to the standpipe on the pier and the ship was washed down from stem to stern with fresh water.

the biggest laugh came from the men who got wet. Later they shivered a little and before they had worked aft as far as the quarter deck the pace was not so rapid and a few had taken off the thin white canvas clothes and were again in street

attire.
"If we expect to keep her we will have

the second hand.

At fifteen seconds to 4 o'clock he said
"excuse me" and ran forward, sidestepping
the water, He rang the ship's big brass bell—
which hadn't been cleaned—eight good
strokes and came back to the gangway

ants and ensigns a-plenty in uniform, so everything aft looked much as a quarter-deck should look.

It was pretty near dark when the boys who had started forward had worked aft, and they were glad when Commander Franklin told them that they might as well call it half a day and quit. When the sand had all been washed off in the scuppers and the decks were getting dry it could be seen the decks were getting dry it could be seen that they had done a good half day's work. With cleaning a little bit every Saturday after a while they will get the ship really clean, and then it will be easy to keep her

into the hungry furnaces.

Just now the battalion would like to get

Fraud Order Against the Mt. Side Cattery

of Waterville, Me. WASHINGTON, March 30 .- The "Mount Side Cattery," an institution doing business in Waterville, Me., that guaranteed to supply angora cats, with kittens or small cats, at \$3 per head and fine silky Japanese spaniels at the same price has been excluded iels at the same price has been excluded from the use of the mails by order of Postmaster General Meyer. Charles L. Wakefield is the name of the genius who conducted the Mount Side Cattery, and he, too, has been debarred from the use of the mails on the ground that the "cattery" was a scheme to defraud.

F. E. Post and J. C. Hodges were the complainants against the Mount Side Cattery.

to furnish highly bred angora cats. He wanted a cat with kittens. The cattery sent Mr. Post a cat, but he alleges that it was not an angora and was not with kittens, that the feline was of plebejan birth and died the day after Mr. Post received it.

Persons in Waterville who knew all

WASHINGTON, March 30 .- Senor Guzman, Chargé d'Affaires of the Venezuelan Legation, to-day received a cable despatch from the Secretary of State of Venezuela saying that the recent revolution started by Gen. Penalosa in the province of Tachira, in the western part of Venezuela, had been quelled and that perfect peace now prevails.

worcester, Mass., who died in Boston fifteen years ago leaving a big fortune tied up in litigation, is dying at his home, 28 Clinton street, Newark, of heart disease. Two days ago he was notified by Charles E. Weeks, counsel for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, one of the trustees of the Moen estate, that his claim for \$400,000 against the estate, which amounts to \$38,000,000, had been allowed and would be paid in April.

WEEKES BEAR CLIMBS A TREE

AND CLIMBS DOWN AGAIN AFTER A WHILE,

All of Which Causes Great Excitement in Oyster Bay-Dan Smith Tries His Cowboy Hand Unavailingly With a Lasso to Drag the Brown Beast Down.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., March 30 .- A big dark brown bear owned by Bradford Weekes and his brother Harold, who have quarters on West Main street, got loose to-night. He was kept chained to a stump on the Weekes brothers' premises and was known to all the school children in the village, who often visited him, for his amiable dispo-

political contests of the last five years sition. no complaint has been, or is to-day, to my In the evening the bear broke his chain and made for an unusually tall tree in front ance of the present Secretary of State's official duty. As a public official his conof the house. It took a very short time for the whole village to learn that the bear was duct has been most exemplary and free oose. The dwellers turned out to see him. Automobiles and carriages, as well as feet, carried the sightseers there. In a very with me against the Secretary of State's short time there was a big crowd about the tree where the bear was perched. All kinds of suggestions were made as to the

consideration at the hands of the appointing best way to get him down. power, especially in view of the gravity Dan Smith, having once been in the Far of the charges. These are so serious in West, thought he would try his hand at import that partisan or factinal problems ossooing the bear. He got a coil of rope are overshadowed and under the circumand having made a loop at one end he stances, practically eliminated from consideration.

"Had the question in this case been political it could probably have been settled to the satisfaction, at least, of fair minded people, but by the production of questions affecting the private life of the present Secretary of State, a different situation confronts the appointing power. It is to be regretted that these accusations should have been made in a way that will necessarily insure their publicity.

"If the charges are false they amount to an assassination of private character deeply to be deplored. If true the facts might have been presented quietly to the accused, so that he could have retired voluntarily. As the situation now exists the whirled the coil three times around his head and then gracefully threw the loop at the bear. The rope fell short and Dan tried it again. Several more attempts were made

by Mr. Smith, but they all failed. Sticks and stones were hurled at the bear by the crowd, but the animal when hit only growled and showed his gleaming teeth. This brought from the small boys in the

crowd shouts of "Delighted!" Finally some one suggested that fire be used to scare the bear out of the tree and this idea was at once adopted. A ladder was procured, also a long pole to the end of which was tied a bunch of rags. The rags were saturated with kerosene oil and then set on fire. Dan Smith took the pole torch and ascended the ladder to the topmost rung amid cheers. He poked the blazing rags at the bear, but Bruin, instead of coming down, only growled and went higher up the tree to where the pole couldn't reach him.

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"How far the appointing power should investigate the private life of officials has never been settled. I would not knowingly appoint to office a man whose private life was not clean. Had these charges at any time during my term been made to me, with substantial proof, I would have asked for the Secretary of State's resignation. By this time Bradford Weekes got home. He said he guessed he would have to shoot the bear, as it wouldn't do to leave him in the tree. He went into the house and got a rifle and on coming out aimed the weapon at the bear and seemed denied every such charge or suggestion or innuendo that can be drawn therefrom. He says that if the charges were true he would not expect consideration, and that if such charges should ever become true he about to fire. A deathlike silence fell upon the villagers and everybody waited nervously for the crack of the rifle. It didn't come though, for Weekes hated to shoot his pet and he lowered his gun without

"Unless the accusations are substantially proven I shall not, as part of the appointing power, take upon myself the responsibility without proof of placing the brand of shame upon the life and character of a fellow man." firing. The suggestion that the tree be cut down as the only way of dislodging his bearship was made, but it was thought to be a pity to destroy such a fine tree and the suggestion Assistant Secretary of State J. B. R. Smith stated to-day that no serious consequences would follow from a temporary lapse in the Secretary's office next Monday morning. The office will be opened as usual and any persons wishing to search the records will be permitted to do so. Although no papers will be actually filed until the new Secretary of State has qualified they will be accepted for filing immediately upon his appointment. This will also be true as regards the issuing of official documents. was not adopted. At 70 clock the bear was still holding the fort and the villagers were holding a council of war to decide on a new plan of campaign. It was the unanimous opinion that if the

bear could not be got out of the tree to-night a guard would have to be posted in the vicinity, as it would never do to leave the brute alone, as he might come down in that case and go on a raid through the village.

Up to 9 o'clock the bear stuck stubbornly to his lofty position, but at that hour he seemed to experience a change of heart. He began to descend to the ground, backing clumsily down the trunk of the tree. It was probably the smell of food placed near the foot of the tree which appealed to the brute alone, as he might come down in that

leave Jersey City to-morrow morning to go to Trenton for the purpose of asking ear.
The bear's "den," a big, wooden struc Gov. Stokes to reappoint Col. Dickinson. ture, is not far from the tree, and the in-genious Weekes planted two rows of heavy boxes from the front of the tree to the den, Mayor Mark M. Fagan of Jersey City will go to Trenton on another train to present affidavits in the matter of the charges he as to form a pas which he has filed with the Governor against the Along this passage could pass to his home. MRS. F. G. RIGBY FOUND DEAD.

could pass to his home. Along this passage were scattered appetizing chunks of meat. When the bear landed on the ground he promptly seized the first chunk with his teeth and gobbled it down, paying no attention to the villagers.

Then he went on to the second chunk and ate that. Thus proceeding he finally renched his "den" and entered it. Some stout boards had been procured, and no second had the hear got into his quarters. found dead on a couch in her room at 131 sooner had the bear got into his quarters than they were clapped onto the front of the "den" and securely fastened. Harold Weekes is the old Columbia football

player and athlete and one time all-America halfback. TO PREVENT LAND FRAUDS.

General Land Office Reorganizing Its Field

and Office Force. WASHINGTON, March 30.-By direction of the President and the Secretary of the Interior the Commissioner of the General Land, Office has taken up the work of reorganizing the field and office force under his control. In order to secure greater efficiency in the field work of the special agents the Commissioner has found it advisable to redistrict the public land territories, changing the lines so that for the most part the field divisions have been enlarged, giving greater territory to the

several chiefs. The chiefs of divisions have been selected with great care and they have been invested with more authority and greater

Charles Murphy and E. Rainboth of Ottawa charles Murphy and E. Rainoth of Ottawa leave to-night for Augusta, Me., to represent Ottawa and Ottawa Valley proxies for from thirty to forty thousand shares in the Nipissing Mining Company at the annual meeting on Monday. They want to ascertain what relation Mr. Earle of New York bears to the company and especially why there is an operating and a controlling company. supervisory powers than heretofore. The special agents will be detailed to the several chiefs from time to time and place directly under the jurisdiction of the chiefs of the several divisions in the field, each chief being held responsible for the efficient performance of all work in his division.

The chief will also be required to call for reports respecting the conduct of local land offices and the offices of the surveyorscontrolling company.

They are under orders to get the fullest information in the interests of Canadian stockholders. It is likely a delegation from Teronto will also attend. general in their respective divisions.

It is the purpose of the Commissioner to so detail and concentrate the force as to keep the Department advised of the principal land frauds and illegal efforts to acquire title to the public lands and secure evidence to con-vict those guilty of such offences. The principal frauds affecting the public domain involved the arid timber and coal belts, and great vigilance is necessary to keep lands from being wrongfully appro-

The policy adopted by the Department does not mean, however, that the agricul-tural regions will be omitted from surveillance by the special agency force, but it is desired to relieve the honest settler in these regions from the aggravation resulting in general suspensions and field investi-gations, which cannot now be made without a larger force of special examiners.

PRICE OF COAL CUT TO-MORROW. Wages Good at the Mines and Work Promises to Be Brisk. To-morrow the full reduction of 50 cents

a ton in the prices of prepared domestic

sizes of anthracite coal will go into effect.

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back from Portland, Ore... on Friday by Detective Sergeant Gloster, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Fawcett in the County Court. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for trial. Von Claff left Brooklyn in May, 1904. He was arrested in Portland six weeks ago. coal, making the price \$4.50 instead of \$4.75 a ton. the fact that supplies of coal above ground are smaller than usual. Several mines that have been closed for repairs or because of the falling off in demand owing to the ap-proaching April reduction will resume work this week and a full production in April and May is expected. Preliminary orders have been very large to replenish depleted stocks and orders held back to

secure advantage of the lower prices in April will further swell the demand. On the basis of February prices at tide water the March wages of the anthracite miners were increased 6 per cent. by the operation of the sliding scale. The operators in the last six months have paid out about \$2,000,000 in wages over and above the minimum fixed by the anthracite com-

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OTHER WOMAN ROBBED ALSO.

Says She Was in Gas House District Saloon With Mrs. Flynn of Kingston. The police learned yesterday that Mrs. Catherine Smith, who lives at 247 West

126th street, was the woman who took

part in the adventures of Mrs. Cora Flynn

of Kingston, who lost \$170 and some jewelry on Thursday night. The Kingston woman told the police that she remembered meeting a strange woman in a saloon in the gas house district and that they had some drinks together: Her recollection was hazy after that until Policeman Foley took charge of her and

might know something about the robbery. She told Capt. McDermott of the East Twenty-second street station yesterday that she herself had been robbed of \$12 in bills and a bankbook showing a deposit of \$3,000. She had notified the bank of her Mrs. Smith went to the Yorkville police

arrested the two men that were found with

her. The police thought the other woman

Mrs. Smith went to the Yorkynie police, court yesterday to testify at the examination of the two men prisoners and she there met Mrs. Flynn, who came down from Kingston with her husband. The two women compared notes of their experience and told each other that they were very foolish to take stimulants among.

"You two were very lucky to get out of your scrape alive," put in Capt. McDermott. "There are saloons in that district where it would be extremely dangerous for respectable women to enter. If drugging would not accomplish the purpose the women would be slugged and perhaps taken down to the docks and thrown over

The Captain said he proposed to drive these places out of his precinct if he could Magistrate Cornell adjourned the hear-ing in the case until Tuesday afternoon.

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